

## Two Undescribed Species of *Hypericum* from South America

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✓ ***Hypericum andinum*** n. sp. Section *Brathys*, subsection *Eubrathys*: stems several from a woody perennial root, woody, erect, strict or virgately branched above, 1–3 dm. high, irregularly ribbed; internodes mostly 3–4 mm. long; leaves stiff, more or less involute, nearly erect, ascending, or outwardly curved, linear, 5–7 mm. long, acerose, 1-nerved, deeply and conspicuously pitted on the lower side, deciduous from the older stems, where the bases persist as minute projections; flowers numerous, solitary at the ends of the branches or more commonly in clusters of 2–4 terminating short branches; sepals oblong-lanceolate, conspicuously punctate, 4–5 mm. long, 1.3–1.7 mm. wide; petals narrowly obovate, 7–9 mm. long by half as wide; stamens 20–25, 3–4.5 mm. long, all separate; ovary ovoid, 2.8 mm. long, 1-celled with 3 parietal placentae; styles 3, separate, half as long as the ovary.

Type, *Bang 1026*, collected near snow-line, Mt. Tunare, Bolivia, 1891, and deposited in the herbarium of the New York Botanical Garden; other specimens are *Buchtien 57*, *Williams 851 and 1526*, *Rusby 1350*, and *Mandon 790* from Bolivia, and *Macbride 4884* from Peru. The species is related to *H. struthiolae-folium* Juss., from which it differs in its smaller flowers with much fewer stamens and shorter leaves. Its slender stems, abruptly branched at the top into a few-flowered inflorescence, give it a very characteristic habit.

✓ ***Hypericum punense*** n. sp. Section *Brathys*, subsection *Spachium*: perennial from a woody root; stems densely tufted and spreading, 3–8 cm. long, the internodes 2–5 mm. long, prominently flattened and bicarinate, punctate; leaves crowded, usually imbricate, spreading, firm, narrowly oblong, 4–6 mm. long, 1–2 mm. wide, obtuse, narrowed toward the base, 1-nerved, heavily and irregularly black-punctate; flowers mostly in terminal cymes of three, occasionally also in the upper axils; pedicels of the terminal flowers 3–5 mm. long, of the lateral flowers shorter; sepals dimorphic, the outer three oblong, about 1 by 3.5 mm., the inner two obovate, about 2 by 4 mm.; petals narrowly obovate, about 5 mm. long; stamens 10, separate, about 3 mm. long; ovary ovoid, 1.5 mm. long; styles 3, separate, 1.5 mm. long.

Type, *Pennell 13,446*, collected on rocky siliceous slopes, Arauco, Dept. Puno, Peru, alt. 4100–4300m., 21 Apr. 1925,

and deposited in the herbarium of the New York Botanical Garden. *Pennell 13,764*, from Colquipata, Dept. Cusco, is the same. The plant resembles the prostrate form of *H. uliginosum* HBK. in its general habit, but is smaller in size and is further distinguished by its styles as long as the ovary, the strongly dimorphic sepals, the heavy punctation, and the flattened stems.

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